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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

A/ 5. (Amended) A reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 3, in which a layer of sealant material is co-extruded on to each rib.